

Mobile Safety For Teens

Learn THEIR Perspective — Communication is the foundation of keeping your teen safe

- Understand the technology they use and be supportive of the issues they face.
- Make yourself the person they come to when they are in need.
- Use current events to initiate conversation.
- Don't make it too personal.
- Analyze, don't criticize.

Help Them Understand YOUR Perspective so you can work as a team

YOU NEED TO EXPLAIN IT'S YOUR JOB TO KEEP THEM SAFE, SET LIMITATIONS AND BOUNDARIES. BE CLEAR ABOUT YOUR GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS. OPEN AND HONEST COMMUNICATION IS VITAL.

Create a smartphone agreement

- Let them know when, where and why you are monitoring.
- Make the process collaborative, so your kids can feel like they have some control.
- Parents have to approve and review apps before they are installed.



No phones in the bedroom



No phones overnight



Phones stay in common areas



No downloading apps without approval

Some apps to watch:



Instagram



WhatsApp



Tinder



Omegle



Kik



Yik Yak



Blindr



Omegle Chat



Snapchat



Whisper



Down



Omegle Chat Singles

To learn more detailed information please visit <http://www.intppt.com/ams-teens/>

Topics Include: Mobile parental controls, Rooting/Jailbreaking FAQ, Monitoring options, Mobile apps and accounts to watch (expanded list), Finding hidden apps, Legal ramifications, and Statistics.

So what is the worst that can happen? Teens have been bullied and are bullying others. Victim suicides are resulting from the behaviors. **Teens have been abducted, raped, and murdered** as a result of interacting with malicious individuals. Not everyone online is a monster and not every social app is bad, but as parents we need to teach our children to not blindly trust the presence on the other side of the screen. Lastly, know sending or receiving a sexually suggestive text or image under the age of 18 can be considered a federal offence (child pornography) and can result in federal criminal charges. **The kids participating in sexting could be prosecuted and would have to register as a sex offender for the rest of their lives.** Though it's easy to ignore it now and think it's silly, is it worth the risk? Examples of such cases can be found at the link above.